

## 14TH GROUND

**PHILIP CHAMBERS**, Sworn for the State. I worked at the National Pencil Company on Forsyth Street under Leo M. Frank as superintendent's office boy from the 20<sup>th</sup> of December, 1912, until about a week before J. M. Gantt left the National Pencil Company's place of business. I think it was about three weeks before Mary Phagan was killed when Mr. Gantt quit. I knew H. F. Becker. He was the master mechanic of the National Pencil Company. He had his office on the top floor. Before I went into the office as office boy in 1912, I worked up on the top floor in the paint department for about a year. Mr. Becker quit the pencil company pretty soon after I went down to the office. I was present in the office when Becker's desk was brought down from the fourth floor and placed in Frank's office. Frank used the same for his desk because Becker's desk was larger than the desk that Frank was using. Frank moved the desk which he was using over in the other corner, so that Darley could use that. All of the books and papers and everything that was in the Becker desk was taken out of the same in the office next to Frank's office were old order blank books. There were approximately a dozen. Attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof is a book which was exactly like these books taken out of Becker's desk, except that nearly all of the books like this were already used, that is, Becker had written on most of them and kept the carbon copies. These used carbon copy order blank books remained there in that office up until the time I left. In the course of my duties I had frequently go to go down into the basement in the factory and I know that no trash, books or papers were left over down there in that basement floor any length of time, but same were always burned up. The practice was to take the trash down in little push carts, put it right in front of the furnace and burn it up. I never did see any of these order blank books among it. After Becker left, all of these order blanks were handled by Frank and when he would use up a book he would always turn it over to me to file, and I always filed these books in the outer office in the pigeon holes close to the place where all of Becker's old order books were kept. The order books which I helped to take off of Becker's desk were loose. They were not tied up.

(Accompanying this affidavit is a new, unused book of order blanks, with white and yellow sheets alternating. The date line on said order blanks is as follows: "Atlanta, Ga. \_\_\_\_\_191")